



August 9, 2026

10:00AM



Opening Song Brown Hymnal 86 Holy, Holy, Holy

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sharing in the Peace

(People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).)

Old Testament Reading

Job 38:4–18

⁴[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

⁹when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

¹²“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,

¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal,

and its features stand out like a garment.

¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld,

and their uplifted arm is broken.

¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,

or walked in the recesses of the deep?

¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you,

or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 10:5–17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says,

“Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.

³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering -

Offertory Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (LSB 805)

Service of the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Hear us as we pray and as He taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution

Communion Hymn: Brown Hymnal 2 This is My Father's World
Brown Hymnal 10 How Great Thou Art
Brown Hymnal 19 Fairest Lord Jesus

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Song - Brown Hymnal 4 O God Our Help in Ages Past

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Preparing for Holy Communion: The Bible teaches us that we need to examine ourselves before coming to the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11: (I Cor11:23-31). Please examine yourself with these four questions. 1. Are you sorry for your sins? (I John 1:8) 2. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior who forgives all your sins? (I Timothy 1:15) 3. Are you determined to live a holy life? (Ephesians 2:10) 4. Do you believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, thus you receive all four elements? (Matthew 26:26-28)

Bible Class Next Sunday will begin a study of Abraham. All are encouraged to come and join Abraham on his journey of faith. Sunday morning Bible Class is held before the worship service, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Room.

Ministry Support Opportunity for Spiritual Awakening Ministry (S.A.M.) at Conifer Park. Do you have new or gently used women's or men's clothing you'd like to donate? Our Savior's will accept donations on the 2nd Sunday of each month, (this Sunday, August 9th) Clothing brought to the church will be delivered to Conifer Park. The need is great. Many of the residents arrive with very little clothing. This is a great opportunity to clean your closets, drawers and storage areas by bringing clothing that no longer fit or you no longer wear. You might also support a favorite thrift store by purchasing clothing or good shoes to donate. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Dollard (518/888-2930) or brianjdollard2@gmail.com

Transportation Needs: Some of the members and friends of Our Savior's are unable to attend church or Bible class regularly because they lack transportation. If you are able to provide transportation for some of these members, please contact Dave McMullan: 518/252-1071. If you need a ride, to church, call Dave and he will connect you with a driver.

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Thanks from Brother Benard Obute. ...heartfelt gratitude to Pastor Chaffee, the church leadership, and the entire congregation of Our Savior Lutheran Church for warmly receiving me with love and giving me the opportunity to share the testimony of what God is doing through our ministry in Kibera, Nairobi, Kenya. Special thanks also go to Marlow and Mum Ellyne for welcoming me into their home. On behalf of my family and our ministry in Kenya, I would like to say a big thank you for your generous gift, your prayers, and the love you have sown into our lives and ministry. May the Lord richly bless each one of you and reward your faithfulness. I am grateful to inform you that I arrived back home safely.... Yours in Christ, Pastor Benard Obute Kingdom World Mission Nairobi, Kenya (Received August 3, Post Script from Marlow: Brother Bernard's wife was ill with a blood clot in her leg while he was away and is still recovering. She goes by the name Alice Atieno.

Pastor Mark Chaffee's office hours are 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You may also reach him by cell phone: 518/763-1085 or email: mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com

PRAYER NEEDS

Healing: Fred Dignon, Klara Gogolla, Kathy Hawley, Barbara MacGowan, Patty Marshall, Jennifer Noble, Patrick O'Brien, Jim Ryan, Eric Unright, Dave Wolcott, Tim Zuelsdorf

Homebound: Inge Glidden, Joan & Walter Weis

in Assisted Living: Marga Hildenbrandt, Al & Helen Walck .

Prayer for Spiritual Awakening Ministry under the leadership of Vern Milkins, Ike Wallace and others as they minister to residents at Conifer Park, a drug rehab facility. May lives be touched and transformed by God's grace during the weekly worship services at Conifer Park.

Prayer for St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Saratoga Springs led by Pastor Adam Wiegand. May God pour out His grace to and through this congregation as they reach out to the many visitors at Saratoga during the track season.

SERVERS

Organist: Pam Reynolds

Contemporary Worship: Murielle Smith

Greeters: Mary Ballou, Sue Pleat

Reader: Brian Dollard

Communion: Mike Irmer, Peter Kemmer

Pray-ers: Ike & Sue Wallace

Ushers: Ken Pleat, Brian Dollard, Ike Wallace

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (16 August 2026)

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32, Matthew 15:21-28

The Church Lives Under the Cross of Christ and Prays in the Hope of His Mercy

By her persistent prayer that Jesus would have mercy and help her (Matt. 15:22, 24), and even in the face of His initial silence and apparent rejection (Matt. 15:23-26), the Canaanite woman boldly confessed her faith in Him (Matt. 15:27-28). Her beautiful example encourages us to cling to the words and promises of the Gospel, even in the face of the Law that accuses and condemns us. “For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable” (Rom. 11:29), and His Law “has consigned all to disobedience” for the very purpose “that he may have mercy on all” (Rom. 11:32). Hence, the woman’s faith and hope were not disappointed, but her prayers were answered in the mercy of Christ. Not only does He grant us the crumbs from His table, but He also feeds us with “the children’s bread” in the house of His Father (Matt. 15:26-27). He has brought us to His “holy mountain,” and He makes us joyful in His house, where He hears our prayers and accepts our sacrifice of praise upon the altar of His cross (Is. 56:7).

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